

Proclamation

Kumu Hula Edward William Collier, affectionately known as “Uncle” Ed, will retire from Iolani School as its kumu hula following 22 years of dedicated and loyal service to the students of Iolani School’s performing arts department.

“Uncle” Ed is described by his students as compassionate, graceful, entertaining, humble, reflective, thoughtful, knowledgeable, competitive, composed, gracious and kind; personal qualities that have endeared him to his students and created a common bond of love for the hula. He is also known as a “snappy” dresser.

“Uncle” Ed was still in high school when he began teaching the hula at St. John’s Church and Titcomb’s garage. He graduated from Kamehameha Schools in 1959. To perfect his skills, “Uncle” Ed began his formal training under the watchful eye of hula expert, dancer, and choreographer, Henry Pa, in 1960. A few years later, “Uncle” Ed opened his own hula studio, *Hālau o Na Pua Kukui*. In 1984, he joined the faculty at Iolani School as its new kumu hula.

“Uncle” Ed has attended many “by invitation only” events. He served as a judge for several years at the renowned Merrie Monarch Festival. After many years of adjudicating the Merrie Monarch, he entered his hālau in the 2000 competition. “Uncle” Ed and his students have also traveled to California, Japan and Europe. He has conducted workshops in California, Japan and Guam, performed in Waikiki nightspots, danced for the Hawaiian Airlines shows, and Kawai Cockett as part of the Lei Kukui Dancers. He also danced for many Hawaiian performers, such as Danny Kaleikini, Ed Kenny and Beverly Noa.

“Uncle” Ed is the proud father of Oyo and Kamele, and devoted grandfather of Kayla and Kahuku.


On June 24, 2006, family, friends, students, and colleagues will gather to honor “Uncle” Ed at a retirement celebration at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. We wish to thank his students for creating the Edward Collier Scholarship Fund to continue his amazing legacy.

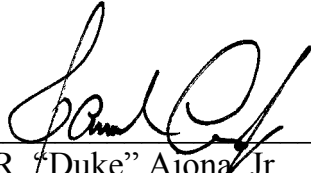
THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim June 24, 2006, as

KUMU HULA “UNCLE” ED COLLIER DAY

in Hawai‘i, and offer our best wishes for a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

Done at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this twenty-third day of June 2006.


Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai‘i


James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai‘i